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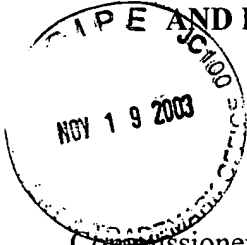
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For: **RESIST PATTERN THICKENING MATERIAL, RESIST PATTERN AND  
PROCESS FOR FORMING THE SAME, AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
AND PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME**



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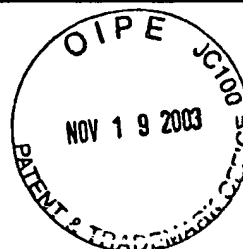
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